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According to ADN, Chairman of East Berlin Economic Council and Head of Department of Finance of East Berlin Magistrate will issue implementing ordinances and instructions after consultation with Soviet sector district councils.

Comment: New decree is logical follow-up of earlier press campaign publicizing "demands by factory workers" that such steps be taken to deprive border-crossers of supposedly unfair economic advantages they have been enjoying.

Legislative enactment of measure would suggest that for present East regime does not intend to make employment of East Berliners in West Berlin illegal, but to make such employment economically less advantageous than has hitherto been case and thereby try to reduce number of border-crossers.

Senat official (Albertz) informs us Senat is considering increasing West percentage of border-crossers' take-home pay to make up for West mark payments required by new decree. Initial Senat reaction has been to term measure another gross violation of four-power status, one of purposes of which was to raise DM West earnings of Soviet Zone regime.

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